

of the State and Central Governments, various Industries in the State have continued to expand both in the public and private sectors. The Textile industry has received a fillip with the grant of additional licenses totalling 1,92,000 spindlage in the private and co-operative sectors. The Advisory Boards for Handlooms, Handicrafts, Small Scale and Coir Industries, have been re-constituted with a view to place the working of these industries on a sound basis. Under the provisions of the State Aid to Industries Act, aid has been extended to rehabilitate some languishing industrial concerns like M. S. K. Mills, Gulbarga. There has been a considerable increase in the activities of the Board of Mineral Development in the current year and it is expected that 3,00,000 tons of iron ore, 50,000 tons of manganese ore and 11,200 tons of chromite ore will be exported in 1962-63 as against 1,51,000 tons, 31,000 tons and 2,000 tons respectively in 1961-62.

### **Establishment of the Oil Refinery Industry at Mangalore.**

14. As you know, the State Government have been pressing the Centre to set up the Oil Refinery Industry at Mangalore for some time past. The Study team deputed by the Government of India in this connection has visited the spot and completed necessary investigations. Since Mangalore is convenient for the purpose from all points of view, the State Government hopes that an early decision for locating the Refinery at Mangalore will be taken by the Government of India.

### **Power and Irrigation Development**

15. Power and Irrigation continue to form the two major items of importance on which my Government have been investing a large part of the Plan expenditure. It is expected that we may be spending in the ensuing financial year about Rs. 16 crores of the normal Plan provision and an additional amount of Rs. 5 crores outside the Plan thus making up an aggregate of Rs. 21 crores for power projects. The Sharavathy Valley Hydro-Electric Project is now nearing completion. It is hoped that the first unit of this project with 89,100 K. W. capacity would be commissioned in the month of April or May 1964 and an additional unit of the same capacity thereafter every six months till the project is completed. The 2,20,000 Volts (220 K. Volts) line to bring Sharavathy project power to Bangalore and other important load centres is under way and will be completed so as to synchronise with the completion of the first stage of Sharavathy Valley Project. Out of the three generating units planned at Munirabad, two have been commissioned and the work on the third unit is going on briskly. This generating station is meant to feed the three districts of Raichur, Gulbarga and Bidar. Investigations on other Hydro-Electric Schemes such as, Kalinadi, Aghanashini, Bedthi, Varahi, Sharavathy Tail Race, Nethravathi and Cauvery Valley are under progress. Owing to the National Emergency, cuts in power supplies for lighting had to be imposed in order to make

available adequate supplies of power to Defence equipment industries and other priority requirements. The State Electricity Board has during the current year taken up construction of a comprehensive net-work of the main transmission lines practically all over the State with a view to be ready to utilise the power released when the Sharavathy generating station is commissioned.

It is programmed to bring over a million acres under Irrigation under the Third Five-Year Plan raising the percentage of irrigated area from 7 to 10 per cent. Thirty-three major and medium irrigation projects totalling in all 219.68 crores have been included in the Third Five-Year Plan. By the end of 1962-63, the total potential created will be 7.85 lakhs of acres with a utilisation of 5.03 lakhs of acres. Preliminaries regarding major schemes of Malaprabha and Upper Krishna Irrigation Projects have been sanctioned by Government which is continuing to make every possible effort to obtain a legitimate share of waters of the Krishna and Godavari. My Government is full of hope that the State will get its rightful share of these waters particularly because the percentage of irrigated area in Mysore State is very low being only 7 per cent and the rivers pass through very arid tracts.

### **Water Supply for Bangalore City.**

16. Shortage of drinking water supply in Bangalore City has been engaging the active attention of my Government and a major scheme costing Rs. 13 crores for getting water from the Cauvery River has already been prepared. It is expected that the Government of India may help the State Government to push through this Scheme without delay.

### **Ports Development.**

17. Implementation of Schemes for Development of Ports are under progress and Rs. 280.03 lakhs have been provided for the purpose in the Third Five-Year Plan. Karwar is to be developed as an all weather Port at a cost of Rs. 183 lakhs and work on the lighterage wharf has already commenced. The wharf is estimated to have a capacity to handle four lakh tons of iron ore, one lakh tons of manganese ore and fifty thousand tons of general cargo. A Scheme for the construction of inland water transport canal connecting Mangalore with Coondapur is also under investigation. Investigations regarding the Mangalore Port are under way and it is being taken up as a Central Scheme at a total cost of Rs. 13 crores. A Chief Engineer and a Technical Board are being appointed and ultimately the upgrading of the Mangalore Port to a major port is bound to prove a very significant step towards the economic development of Mysore State.